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Dr. James F. Dillman III serves as the Chief Scientist for the Research and Engineering Directorate at the Defense Health Agency (DHA). In this role he develops strategic research vision and planning and serves as an advisor to leadership for medical research. He oversees the Office of the Chief Scientist, which leads DHA's research and innovation strategy, driving scientific direction and research initiatives towards alignment with validated needs and ensuring transition of science and technology (S&T) capability to support Joint Force operational medicine and the military health system.

Dr. Dillman recently became the Chief Scientist after serving as the Chief, S&T Enterprise Integration Division. In that role he led the integration of the DHA S&T research portfolio. Prior to this, Dr. Dillman served as the Chief Science Officer at the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense where he oversaw a program focused on the research and development of medical countermeasures against chemical threats as well as training and education in the management of chemical casualties. He served previously as the Director of Research, the Chief of the Science Program Analysis and Integration Office and was a principal investigator in the Cell and Molecular Biology Branch.

Dr. Dillman received a B.S. with honors in biology from Lebanon Valley College of Pennsylvania, and his Ph.D. from the Department of Cell Biology at the University of Virginia. He worked as a post-doctoral fellow in the Departments of Neurology and Neuroscience at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He joined the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense as a National Research Council Research Associate and subsequently came on staff as a principal investigator in the Applied Pharmacology Branch.